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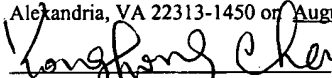
For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL POSITION OF PASSENGERS IN A MOTOR VEHICLE**

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1. EP 1 134 691 A2 (in English)
2. US 2001/0000025 A1
3. WO 99/53430 A1 (in English)
4. US 6,463,176 B1
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6. EP 0 703 094 A1 (in English)
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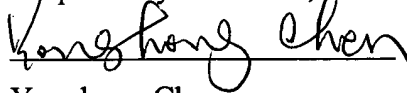
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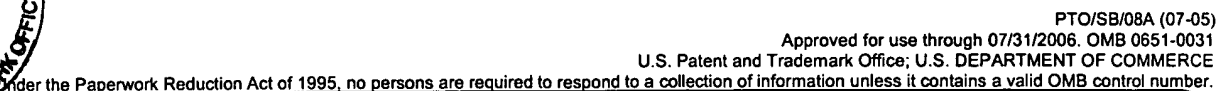
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